MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) There is a departmental circular to the effect that no arrack or toddy shop should be located within 2 furlongs of a market, school-house, place of public worship and similar places of public resort. But the circular at the same time has recognised the difficulty of rigidly enforcing it in towns.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

(*d*) Wherever possible, the departmental circular is being enforced. In some cases, owing to the difficulty in obtaining suitable sites, it is not possible always to enforce the circular.

Enforcement of the Account Test Rules.

129. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): (1) Are the Government aware that the rules *re* the Account Test Examination have been ignored by the Director of Public Instruction in most of the promotions he made recently?

(2) Are the Government aware that persons who have not passed the Account Test Examination have been given promotions ignoring the claims of those possessing that qualification in spite of their representation to the Director in the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) and (2) The rules have not been ignored by the Director of Public Instruction. But in making promotions, experience and other qualifications besides those indicated by success in the Account Test Examination have to be considered.

Malayalam Typewriter.

130. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have given orders to make a Malayalam typewriting machine locally?

(2) If so, will they be pleased to state where the work is being done and how long it will take to complete the machine?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) The Government have not given orders to make a Malayalam typewriter. But Mr. N. S. Pandalai, Shorthand Instructor of the School of Commerce, Alleppey, is making an experimental model of a Malayalam typewriting machine and the Government are helping him in his attempt.

(2) In view of the answer to part (1), this question does not arise.

Particulars re Applicants for the Additional Places sanctioned in the Office of the Director of Public Instruction.

131. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): (1) With regard to the five additional places recently sanctioned in the Office of the Director of Public Instruction, will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement, by castes, of applicants from the department and outside, for the posts, with their names, service, pay and qualifications, and a similar statement of persons appointed in the said vacancies?

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